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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

Denker et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: Poe, M.

For: Method of Stretching Film and Such Film

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, paper number 7, mailed October 25, 2001 in the captioned application. The Examiner has required a Restriction of Inventions and an Election of such Inventions and Species with such Inventions. This Election is believed timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested. Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this Response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

The Examiner has required an election of patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, as set forth in the original claims 1-90.

Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Species A (claims 1-48 and 71-90). Currently, no claims are generic to all Species.

Further, the Examiner has required an election of patentably distinct subspecies of the claims and disclosed invention of Species A. Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Subspecies A2 (claims 13-25, 37-48 and 71-90). Currently, claims 1-11 and 26-35 are generic to both Subspecies A1 and A2 of Species A.

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Further still, the Examiner has required the election of patentably distinct subspecies of the claimed and disclosed invention of Subspecies A2 of Species A. Applications respectfully elect the claims of Subspecies A22 (claims 20-25, 44-48, 77-80 and 87-90). Currently, claims 17, 18, 41, 42, and 81-86 are generic to both Subspecies A21 and A22 of Subspecies A2 of Species A.

Applicants understand that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Applicants will cancel the non-elected claims upon notification of allowance of the elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications using the non-elected claims as the basis for priority.

Respectfully Submitted,

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